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Tern Hill	Sept. 1917.			
	1st		Total time flown during August 125 hrs. 30 mins. 2 new pupils arrive and 2/Lt. Darrington posted to Brigade Pool. Avro Gnome B.952 and Avro Mono. B.976 received from A.R.S. Time flown 2 hrs. 35 mins. Strength 26 offs. 145 others.	
	2nd		Time flown 33 hrs. 30 mins. Strength. 21 Offs. 145 others.	
	3rd		Nothing to relate. Time flown 12 hrs. 15 mins. Strength 21 hffs. 145 others.	
	4th		Captain L.P. Fay posted as Adjutant. Lieut. Drake posted to 29th T.S. Shawbury. Time flown 10 hrs. 50 mins. Strength 21 offs. 145 others.	
	5th		2/Lt. Collins R.F.C. reported to Squadron as instructor. 2/Lt. G.H.M. Potts reported for higher instruction. Time flown 11 hrs. 55 mins. Strength 21 offs. 144 others.	
	6th		Lieut. Kitto, Welsh Regt. reported as Ass. Instructor. D.H.5 A/9286 110 H.P. Le Rhone received from Aircraft Acceptance Park, Hendon, Time flown 8 hrs. 55 mins. Strength 22 offs. 144 others.	
	7th		Avro Mono. B/3139 reallocated to A.R.S. Avro Mono. B/1395 struck off charge. 2/Lt. W.J. Warneford reported from A.I.F. Headquarters. Cadet Donohay posted to 66 T.S. R.F.C. Yatesbury. First crash involving personal injury to 2/Lt. Layton R.F.C. admitted to Prees Heath Military Hospital. Time flown 13 hrs. 45 mins. Strength 24 offs. 143 others.	
	8th		Cadets Treadwell and Taplin reported from 29th T.S. A.F.C. Time flown 12 hrs. 35 mins. Strength 24 offs. 141 others.	
	9th		Capt. Middleton, Yks. and Lancs. Regt. reported from C.F.S. Upavon as Instructor. Four new pupils arrived and four new DH5 biplanes. Time flown 14 hrs. 35 mins. Strength 24 offs. 143 others.	
10th		Four new pupils arrived to-day and two Australian Observers. Sop. Bomber A6945 received by air. Time flown 10 hrs. 55 mins. Strength 24 hrs. 143 others.		

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	12th		Machines still arriving. One DH5 and one Sopwith Bomber to-day, also one Mono. Avro and 110 H.P. Le Rhone Engine. Times flown 7 hrs. 30 mins. Strength 30 offs. 144 others.	
	13th		Capt. Duigan, late 69th Squadron A.F.C. reported to Squadron as Flight Commander. Time flown 40 mins. Strength 34 hrs. 143 mins.	
	14th		Avro Mono. B.4215 DH5 B.4905 received, and Sopwith Bomber A.5965 and two Avros Mono. realotted to A.R.S. 2/Lt. Crosbee and Richardson proceeded to Turnberry for Aerial Gunnery Course. Time flown 18 hrs. 10 mins. Strength 36 Offs. 143 others.	
	15th		One DH5 and one Sopwith Bomber received and one DH5 realotted to A.R.S. Cpl. Ryland, R.F.C. Gunnery Instructor marched out to 16th T.S. R.F.C. Beaulieu. Time flown 17 hrs. 55 mins. Strength 41 offs. 143 others.	
	16th		Five new pupils arrived. Time flown Strength 42 offs. 144 others.	
	17th		Time flown 8 hrs. 40 mins. Strength 42 offs. 144 others.	
	18th		Avro Mono. B.4215 received from A.R.S. Time Flown 20 hrs. Strength 42 offs. 143 others.	
	19th		Major G.A.C. Cowper A.F.C. reported from A.I.F. Headquarters. Time flown 8 hrs. 20 mins. Strength 37 offs 142 others.	
	20th		Avro Mono. received from A.R.S. DH5 A.9416 reallocated to A.R.S. Time flown 1 hr. 45 mins. Strength 38 offs. 140 others.	
	21st		First fatal accident in the Squadron occurred, Cadet E.J.C. Treadwell being struck by a propeller as he was alighting from a Sopwith Bomber. He died two hours afterwards.	

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Tern Hill	1917 Sep. 21st		<p>Court of Inquiry assembled to inquire into the circumstances surrounding the accident resulting in the death of the late Cadet E.J.C. Treadwell ;→ President, Capt. C.T. Latch, R.F.C., Lieut. Phillips R.F.C., 2/Lt. S.F. Napper, R.F.C. Committee of Adjustment assembled to adjust the financial affairs of the late Cadet E.J.C. Treadwell:- President Capt. Duigan J.R. A.F.C., 2/Lt. Warneford W.J. and 2/Lt. Potts G.H.M. A.F.C. Members. Time flown 25 hrs. 5 mins. Strength 27 offs. 140 others.</p>	
	22nd		<p>2/Lt. J.C.F. Williams transferred to 43 T.S. R.F.C. Tern Hill. Lieut. Kitto, Welsh Regiment, reported as Instructor. Cadet Treadwell buried at Tilstock with Military Honours. A party of Cadets and N.C.Os. and men followed remains to the graveside, deceased's uncle and five cadets acting as Pall Bearers. A bugle band and firing party were supplied by the Imperial Troops stationed at Prees Heath. Wreaths were sent from N.C.Os. and men of 30th Training Squadron A.F.C., Officers and Cadets at Tern Hill Station, and from deceased's uncle. The grave was the first in a new cemetery in quiet but pretty surroundings. Time flown 7 hrs. 5 mins. Strength 37 hrs. 140 others.</p>	
	23rd		<p>Avro Mono. B.3139 received from A.R.S. DH5 A.9416 reallocated to A.R.S. Time flown 5 hrs. 55 mins. Strength 37 hrs. 140 others.</p>	
	24th		<p>Three 130 H.P. Clerget Engines received. Major G.A.C. Cowper posted in orders as Squadron Commander with effect from 19.9.1917. Time flown 29 hrs. 45 mins. Strength 36 hrs. 140 others.</p>	
	25th		<p>Captain L.F. Forbes transferred to 10th T.S. R.F.C. Shawbury. A popular officer; he carries the best wishes of the Squadron. First Pilots to graduate with this Squadron posted in orders, 2/Lts. Crosbee, Page, Lefroy, Richardson, Cadet Benjamin. Time flown 22 hrs. 20 mins. Strength 36 offs. 140 others.</p>	
	26th		<p>Avro Gnome received from A.R.S. First orders published by Major Cowper. Time flown 12 hrs. 35 mins. Strength 36 offs. 140 others.</p>	
	27th		<p>2/Lt. Warneford W.J. posted as E.O. 3rd Class to 30 T.S. Time flown 25 hrs. 20 mins. Strength 36 offs. 140 others.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">-10→</p>	

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Tern Hill.	1917 Sep. 28th		<p>30th Squadron provided Station Guard of 1 corporal and 6 ams. to mount at 8 a.m. No arms carried, but xxxxxx sentries mount with swagger canes. Also provide fire piquet of 1 corporal and 18 ams. Tour of duty 48 hours. Squadron armourers posted to 34th T.S. for duty and discipline. F/Sgt. Schneider marched out to A.F.C. Depot, Wendover. Service leave of six days granted to four N.C.Os. and men. Time flown 28 hrs. 40 mns. Strength 35 offs. 138 others.</p> <p>29th A new Sopwith Bomber No. A/6904 received from A.R.S. Time flown 29 hrs. 25 mins. Strength 35 offs. 137 others.</p> <p>30th Sunday. No orders published on Sundays. Church Parades, Church of England, at 8.45 a.m. in Institute, Roman Catholic, 8.45 a.m. in New Institute, Other Denominations at 9.45 a.m. in Market Drayton. Sunday holiday as usual a fine day. No flying. Gunnery Training was unsettled during September owing to unsettled state of organization. Our squadron armourers first posted to R.F.C. for duty. Pupils from all Squadrons being mixed in Station Classes. They are now conducting Gunnery Classes for their own Squadron. Pupils being posted to classes by Squadron Adjutant. This arrangement working well.</p>	

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